

# Eastern Ontario Power



## Media Release

### Eastern Ontario Power Applies for 2009 Distribution Rates

***For immediate release***

**September 15, 2008 (Gananoque, Ontario)** – Eastern Ontario Power (“EOP”) announced today it has made an application to the Ontario Energy Board for its distribution rates. If approved, the new rates will become effective May 1, 2009. The average residential customer that consumes 1,000 kilowatt hours per month will see an increase of approximately 9.4% on their total bill which equates to \$10.47 per month. The average General Service customer in the less than 50 kW per month category that consumes 2,000 kWh per month will see an increase of approximately 2.9% on their total bill which equates to \$7.07 per month.

The proposed increased distribution rates are primarily driven by distribution system upgrades, which have resulted in significant capital investment over a five year period. EOP will have invested \$5.7 million in capital expenditures over this five year period. EOP’s current distribution rates are based on 2004 expenditures.

“Eastern Ontario Power recognizes customers’ sensitivity to rate increases and wishes to inform customers well in advance of the proposed increases,” says Bill Daley, President and CEO of FortisOntario. “We remain focused on providing safe and reliable electricity to our customers while maintaining high operational efficiencies.”

As an advocate of responsible energy usage, EOP urges customers to take conservation measures such as changing to energy efficient lighting, installing programmable thermostats, weather-stripping doors and windows, and taking advantage of the energy conservation programs offered by the Ontario Power Authority in conjunction with the Conservation Bureau.

Eastern Ontario Power is a division of Canadian Niagara Power Inc. which is a wholly owned subsidiary of FortisOntario Inc. FortisOntario Inc. is headquartered in Fort Erie and has operations in electricity distribution and transmission and serves approximately 52,000 customers primarily located in Fort Erie, Port Colborne, Cornwall and Gananoque, Ontario and meets a peak demand of 256 MW. FortisOntario is 100% owned by Fortis Inc. of St. John’s, Newfoundland. For more information on FortisOntario, please visit the corporate website at [www.fortisontario.com](http://www.fortisontario.com).

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